



SC Annual School
Report Card
Summary

Joseph G. McCracken Middle School
SPARTANBURG 7
Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 712
Principal: Margaret Peach
Superintendent: Dr. Russell W. Booker
Board Chair: Rick L. Gray

PERFORMANCE Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.eoc.sc.gov as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.

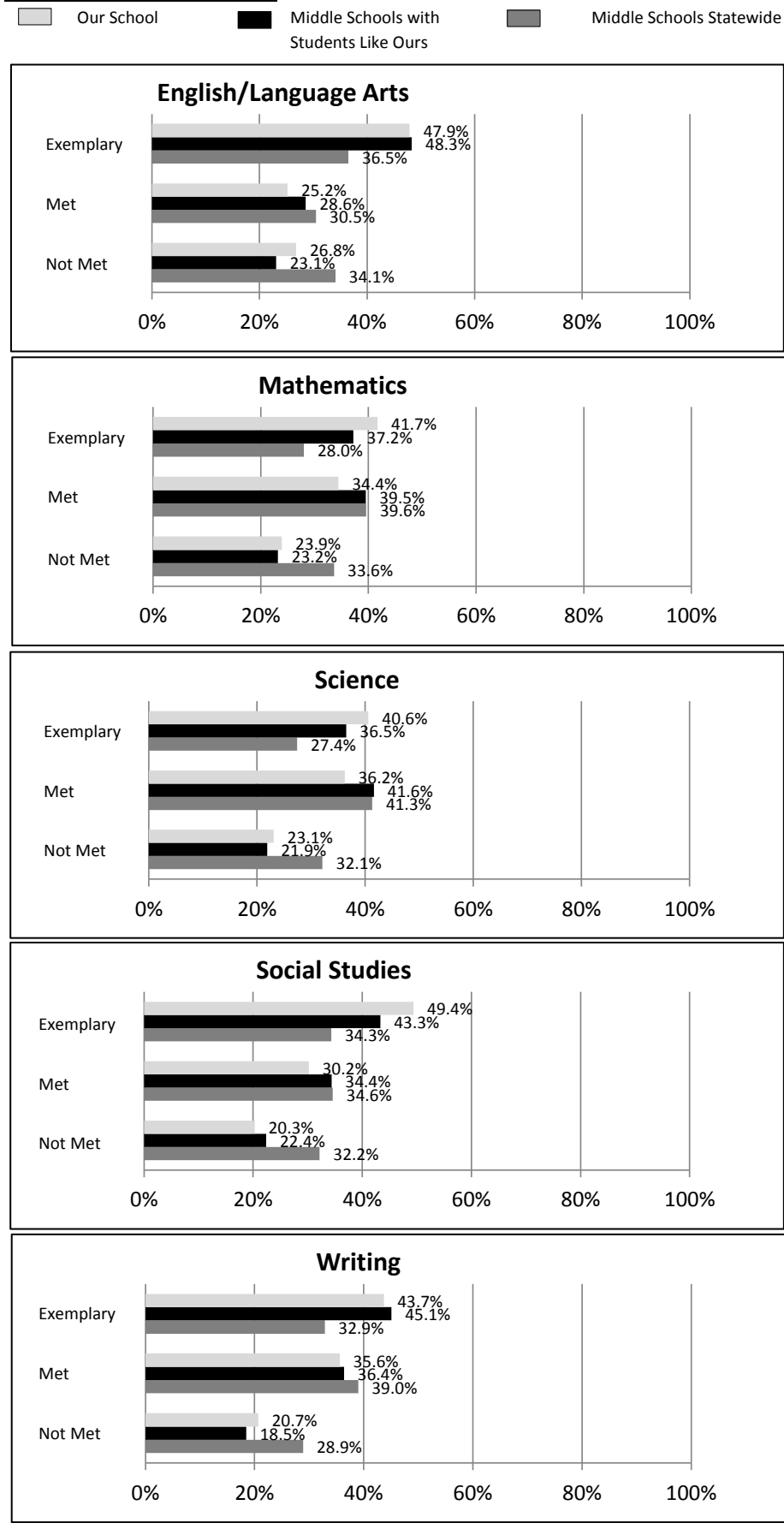
| YEAR | ABSOLUTE RATING | GROWTH RATING | PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD | | ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM | |
|------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---|--------------------------|
| | | | General Performance | Closing the Gap | ESEA Grade | Accountability Indicator |
| 2014 | Excellent | Good | TBD | TBD | B | N/A |
| 2013 | Excellent | Good | GOLD | N/A | B | N/A |
| 2012 | Excellent | Good | GOLD | SILVER | A | N/A |

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 19 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 |

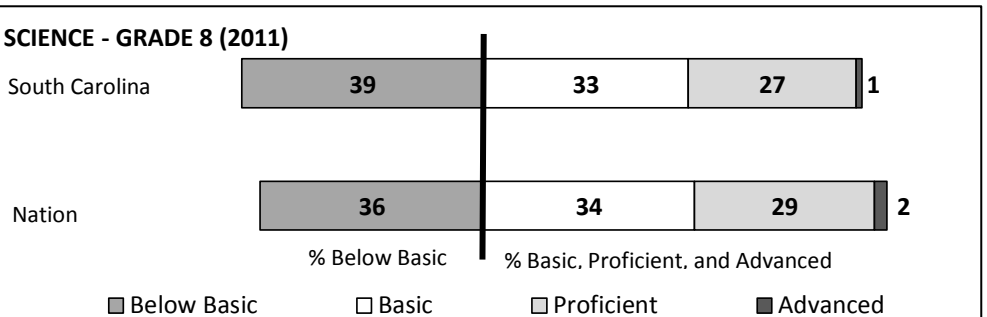
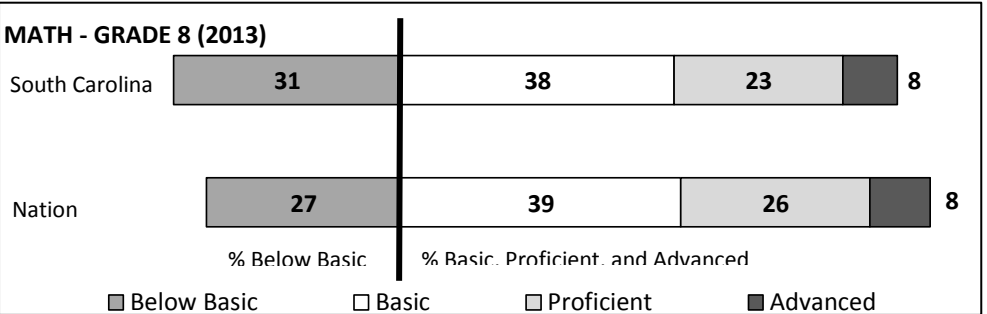
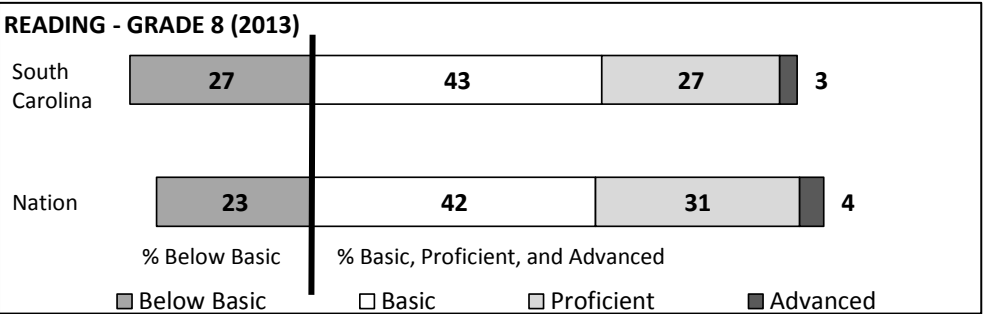
* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

SC PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP*

*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



| END OF COURSE TESTS - 2014 | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| % of Students scoring 70 or above on: | Our Middle School | Middle Schools with Students Like Ours |
| Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2 | 100.0% | 97.5% |
| English 1 | 0.0% | 92.8% |
| Biology 1 | N/A | N/A |
| US History and the Constitution | N/A | 0.0% |
| All Subjects | 99.0% | 97.3% |

SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

N/A-Not Applicable N/AV-Not Available N/C-Not Collected N/R-Not Reported I/S-Insufficient Sample TBD-To Be Determined

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SPARTANBURG 7
SCHOOL PROFILE

| | Our School | Change from Last Year | Middle Schools with Students Like Ours | Median Middle Schools |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Students (n = 712) | | | | |
| Students Enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8) | 50.2% | Down from 52.1% | 44.8% | 26.0% |
| Retention rate | 0.6% | Up from 0.3% | 0.3% | 0.6% |
| Attendance rate | 96.6% | No change | 96.6% | 96.2% |
| Served by gifted and talented program | 41.6% | Down from 41.8% | 27.0% | 19.4% |
| With disabilities | 11.0% | Down from 11.5% | 11.2% | 12.8% |
| Older than usual for grade | 2.2% | Down from 2.7% | 2.9% | 4.5% |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.4% | Up from 0.3% | 0.0% | 0.4% |
| Annual dropout rate | 0.0% | No change | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Teachers (n = 59) | | | | |
| Teachers with advanced degrees | 66.1% | Up from 65.0% | 66.7% | 61.3% |
| Continuing contract teachers | 88.1% | Up from 81.7% | 76.7% | 75.9% |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 79.7% | Down from 79.9% | 86.3% | 85.4% |
| Teacher attendance rate | 95.5% | Up from 95.3% | 95.1% | 95.2% |
| Average teacher salary* | \$51,550 | Up 3.2% | \$48,846 | \$47,081 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 14.2% | Up from 6.0% | 4.2% | 5.8% |
| Professional development days/teacher | 9.8 days | Up from 9.3 days | 9.8 days | 10.6 days |
| School | | | | |
| Principal's years at school | 5.0 | Up from 4.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 19.0 to 1 | No change | 22.8 to 1 | 21.5 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 90.9% | Up from 90.8% | 90.3% | 90.1% |
| Opportunities in the arts | Excellent | No change | Excellent | Good |
| SACS accreditation | Yes | No change | Yes | Yes |
| Parents attending conferences | 96.5% | Down from 100.0% | 99.2% | 99.0% |
| Character development program | Average | No change | Good | Good |
| Dollars spent per pupil** | \$8,307 | Down 2.9% | \$7,121 | \$7,616 |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction** | 68.5% | Up from 68.0% | 63.7% | 62.0% |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries** | 67.0% | No change | 63.0% | 61.3% |
| ESEA composite index score | 86.1 | Up from 82.5 | 85.3 | 77.9 |

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

| | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned | 63 | 212 | 60 |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment | 93.6% | 77.3% | 86.7% |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 98.4% | 74.5% | 83.4% |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations | 100.0% | 86.0% | 67.3% |

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

McCracken Middle School championed the 2013-2014 school year with a number of distinguished accomplishments. Our staff of dynamic teachers capitalizing on our shared vision of providing every child, every opportunity, every day received for the third year in a row the Palmetto Gold Award for Student Achievement. With 49 PSAT Junior Scholars, our students have received 3 of the 4 top scores for academic achievement in the county for the second year in a row. Duke TIP students were recognized for their SAT scores on a state and national level.

Student leadership and service learning exponentially increased with opportunities for students to shine through: Running Club, Culinary Arts Club, Step Team, Student Council, Beta Club, Anchor Club, Athletic Programs, Fine Arts Programs, FCA, News Team, Battle of the Brains Team, Math Olympiad, Talon Staff, Drama, Musical, Robotics, Student Travel to China and Puerto Rico. Teaching students to be a vibrant member of Spartanburg, our staff lead by example providing every student an opportunity to give back to our community highlighted by Visual and Performing Arts Opportunities, Humane Society, United Way, Relay For Life, March of Dimes, The Soup Kitchen, Total Ministries Food Bank, Shoes for Water, and the Bearden-Josey Breast Center. The McCracken 8th Grade Chorale made District 7 history by auditioning and being chosen to perform for the SC Music Educators Association annual conference in Charleston. This was a very competitive process and our students performed flawlessly. Our Orchestra, Band and Chorus programs also had an outstanding year receiving superiors in all categories of performance. We had two students chosen to perform in the All State Orchestra and All State Band. This is a testament to the dedication and passion of our students, families, and teachers. Our Art Students garnered top awards at local and state competitions this year. The Lady Eagles Basketball Team had a super conclusion to the season as first runner up for the conference and tournament championship. Our MMS Wrestling Team sent four students to the state championship this year. It was a great year for athletics at MMS.

Many MMS teachers wrote and won grants for innovation in the classroom this year. Several of these teachers were published in state and national professional journals. Our outstanding staff seeks opportunities to build on our rich tradition of excellence in academics and continuous growth.

With Eagle Pride,

Margaret Peach, Principal Lori Stathakis, SIC Chairperson